Communications & Power Industries Selected to Provide Crossed-Field Amplifier Repairs to Support Aegis Weapons System

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 23, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Communications & Power Industries, Inc. (CPI) has been awarded an approximately $2 million contract from the U.S. Navy for major repair/remanufacture of crossed-field amplifiers to support the AN/SPY-1B/D radar system on the Aegis weapons system. CPI, a subsidiary of CPI International, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPII), is a leading provider of microwave, radio frequency, power and control solutions for critical defense, communications, medical, scientific and other applications.

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The contract was awarded by the Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP) in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Shipments are scheduled to be completed within the next 12 months. Work on the contract will be completed at CPI's Beverly Microwave Division in Beverly, Mass.

The Aegis weapons system is the largest single defense program for CPI, and the company has supported it for more than 30 years. The AN/SPY-1 radar system is the primary air and surface radar on the U.S. Navy Ticonderoga-class cruisers and DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, as well as on several foreign navies' destroyers.

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